

News from the City of Gardner

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Expanded Aquatic Facility and New Community Park to Be Voted On

Gardner City Council is asking voters of Gardner to consider a special sales tax to fund the expansion of Cornerstone Park Aquatics Facility and for construction of a community park to be located south of 159th Street and West of Waverly. The proposed ½ cent increase would allow the Parks and Recreation Department to fund the major expansion to the existing swimming pool, as well as develop a new community park.

The Aquatic Facility Proposal

The expanded aquatics facility would provide many of the amenities that residents of Gardner have been requesting", stated Jeff Stewart, Park and Recreation Director. The facility would include:

- Waterslides
- Zero Depth Entry
- Lazy River
- Circular Sunshades
- Tot Pool and play features
- Spraygrounds
- Concession stand
- Group Party Structure

The expanded facility will more than double space for users and is projected to meet the needs as Gardner grows. The existing pool was built to serve a population of 12,000 and today Gardner is

estimated to have over 16,000 residents. The cost to design and construct the facility is estimated at just over \$3.2 million dollars.

Community Park Proposal

The new community park has been designed to provide much needed expansion to Gardner's baseball and soft-ball facilities, provide soccer/football fields, and add other recreational opportunities such as hiking and biking trails and fishing.

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Gardner Receives its Second Tree City USA Award

Gardner has achieved the distinction of receiving its second Tree City USA Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The City of Gardner was first recognized for its efforts to protect the City's urban forest in 2004.

The receipt of this award is proof of the commitment made by the City of Gardner to man-



age its trees while protecting the health, safety and general welfare of the overall urban forest. The City must commit a minimum of \$2 per capita to its forestry program. This provides for care and maintenance of the City's trees through a management program that is conducted by the Gardner Parks and Recreation.

The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

Spring is in the air and Gardner children and adults have begun their weekly practices for softball, baseball and soccer. Later in the month the swimming pool will open and the children will be looking to cool off on the hot summer days. The City of Gardner has been working to prepare its parks for your enjoyment and we feel that the efforts that have been made to upgrade many of our facilities are truly something to be proud of as residents of Gardner.

This issue of the City Newsletter is presenting information on a very important proposal to fund projects identified in the Parks Master Plan. The Parks Master Plan was developed by citizens and staff to address the recreational needs in our community. It placed a priority on maintaining current facilities, which can be seen in playground replacement projects at Brookside, Meadowbrook and Cornerstone Parks and in projects at Westside Park. It also addressed the importance of neighborhood park development as the community grows, which the Council has funded and continues to fund through Park Impact Fees assessed on new development. ***However, our rapid growth has exceeded the City's capability to provide the needed major additions to parks and park facilities in our future.***

When adopted in 2002, the Parks Master Plan set forth several major priorities, two of which we are bringing forward to you on this important ballot question addressed in detail on pages 1 and 3 of the Newsletter. Bringing these two projects to you and your families is the result of the City Council exploring ways to more fully implement the adopted Park Master Plan. As stated, current funding sources allow for maintenance of parks and facilities, some improvements to parks, and provides partial funding for the acquisition and development of neighborhood parks. However, these funds will not provide for many facilities described by the Parks Master Plan. Expanded facilities, large community parks, and trail systems are not able to be funded with the current revenues. This is why the City Council approved in February to place a question on the ballot to ask the residents of Gardner to consider passing an ½ cent sales tax to fund the development of a community park and expansion to the aquatic facility. This approach was considered to be the best for Gardner because sales taxes are paid by everyone that shops and eats in Gardner, not just Gardner residents.

Sincerely,

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"There is a huge need for expansion to our existing facilities for sports such as baseball, softball, soccer and football," stated Jeff Stewart. The fields currently located at Westside Park are the fields built for Gardner when it was a City of 4,000.

The proposed facility includes the following amenities for the first phase of development:

- Four baseball/softball fields
- A number of soccer/football fields
- A multi purpose field that will serve for soccer, football, baseball and softball
- Concessions and related facilities
- Playground equipment

Future development in the area would include:

- Nine acre lake for recreational purposes as well as irrigation source
- Trails for hiking and biking
- Picnic shelters
- Additional playgrounds

The estimated cost to design and construct the community park is just over \$4.3 million dollars for the first phase. The site is adjacent to the new middle school that will open in 2007 and the site would be shared.

Why are these projects being considered now?

- Based on growth projections and master plan standards, if expanded facilities are not funded, *there will be limits on youth and adult program registration for baseball, softball, and football as well as limits to admission to the swimming pool facility.*
- Recent projections indicate that there will be over 3,500 school age children moving to the Gardner area in the next 9 years, more than doubling current population.
- The population of Gardner is expected to grow to over 35,000 by 2020.
- Based on standards, Gardner's additions of parks and recreation facilities has not kept pace with recent growth, let alone the growth anticipated during the next 10 to 15 years.

Will the Sales Tax be charged to non-residents? Yes. All purchases made in the City of Gardner will be charged.

How long will the Sales Tax last?

Ten years or less if the money generated from the tax pays off the cost of the two projects early. If approved it is anticipated to begin September 1, 2005.

Could the money go to any non-park project? No. All revenue generated must go toward the ballot proposal for the aquatic facility expansion and community park, including new sales tax revenue from Walmart and any other new development.

Does the city already own the necessary land for the proposed developments? Yes. The proposed Sales Tax will be used solely for development.



If the sales tax is approved in June, the work to design the projects will begin immediately. Openings of both facilities would be anticipated for the 2007 season. For more information visit—www.gardnerkansas.com.

Ballot Question

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (.5%) be levied in the city of Gardner, KS (the "City"), for the purpose of:

(a) renovations and expansion of the Gardner swimming pool to include, but not limited to, the development of zero depth entry, water slides, lazy river, in water play features, spray grounds, tot pool, concession stand, group party structure, and shade structures;

(b) development of a new community park to include, but not limited to, baseball and softball fields, soccer and football fields, playground equipment, concession facilities, parking, passive open space; and

(c) all things related and necessary to such projects; provided that, such retailers' sales tax shall be levied for a period not to exceed ten years from the date of its inception, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 et seq.

Voting Information

Voting will be conducted by a MAIL-IN BALLOT only.
Schedule

- **May 8** - Last day to register to vote. Call the Johnson County Election Office at 782-3441 for more information.
- **May 16** – Last day to apply for advance ballot
- **May 18** – Postal carriers deliver mail-in ballots
- **June 7** – Ballots due by noon at the Johnson County Election Office. State law mandates the individual voter is the only person authorized to hand deliver their voted ballot.

The Gardner Pool...A Cool Place to Be!

Join us for opening day at the Gardner Swimming Pool Saturday, May 28th. Season passes are now on sale at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center or will be available to purchase at the swimming pool starting Friday, May 27th at 1:00 p.m. The pool offers professional Ellis & Associate Certified Lifeguards, a friendly and knowledgeable support staff, clean and safe facilities, concessions, and rentals for pool parties.

Pool hours are 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. The pool is located at 128 East Washington Street, the phone number is 856-8206.

Resident Season Passes

Family Pass (Maximum of 5. Additional passes are \$15.00 each)	\$78
Day Care Pass (Maximum of 5. Additional passes are \$15.00 each)	\$78
Individual Pass (All Ages)	\$47

Non-Resident Season Passes

Family Pass (Maximum of 5. Additional passes are \$15.00 each)	\$110
Individual Pass	\$68

Daily Pool Admission Fees

Adults	\$2.25
Children	\$1.75
Seniors 62 and over	Free
Children 3 and under	Free



Swimming Pool Parties

Parties can be scheduled 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. any day of the week. A great idea for family reunions, baseball teams, Girl or Boy Scout Troops, birthday parties, etc. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 856-0936 for more information or to schedule a party. **All party reservations must be made at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located at City Hall or on our website at www.gardnerparks.com.**

Swimming Lessons

Registration is now being accepted at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located in the front lobby of City Hall, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration is done on a first come-first serve basis. There is a minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 students for each class! Some classes may need to be combined due to the number of students.

* **Only one class per child! Additional classes may be available at the conclusion of the first session.**

* **Each session has eight 45-minute classes.**

* **Fridays will be used for make-up classes in case of inclement weather.**

* **Registration fee is \$35.00 per person.**

Four sessions to choose from:

Session #1	June 6 thru June 16
Session #2	June 20 thru June 30
Session #3	July 11 thru July 21
Session #4	July 25 thru August 4

See next page for class descriptions and registration form!

Class (Session)

Time

Program

Fins I (2 & 3)	9:00 p.m.	299-01-06
Fins II (2 & 3)	9:00 a.m.	299-02-06
Fins III (2 & 3)	9:00 a.m.	299-03-06
Fins V (2 & 3)	9:00 a.m.	299-04-06
Parent/Toddler (2 & 3)	10:00 a.m.	299-05-06
Fins I (2, 3 & 4)	10:00 a.m.	299-06-06
Fins II (2, 3 & 4)	10:00 a.m.	299-07-06
Fins III (2 & 3)	10:00 a.m.	299-08-06
Fins IV (2 & 3)	10:00 a.m.	299-09-06
Fins V (2 & 3)	10:00 a.m.	299-10-06
Parent/Toddler (2 & 3)	11:00 a.m.	299-11-06
Fins I (2, 3 & 4)	11:00 a.m.	299-12-06
Fins II (2, 3 & 4)	11:00 a.m.	299-13-06
Fins III (2 & 3)	11:00 a.m.	299-14-06
Fins IV (2 & 3)	11:00 a.m.	299-15-06
Fins VI (2 & 3)	11:00 a.m.	299-16-06
Parent/Toddler(1,2,3& 4)	7:00 p.m.	299-17-06
Fins I (1, 2, 3 & 4)	7:00 p.m.	299-18-06
Fins II (1, 2, 3 & 4)	7:00 p.m.	299-19-06
Fins III (1, 2, 3 & 4)	7:00 p.m.	299-20-06

Swim Lesson Registration

Parent/Toddler

This class is designed for the parent and toddler. The class will focus on getting the children familiar with the water. With parent interaction, our certified lifeguards will teach swimming readiness through blowing bubbles, working on back float skills and the dog paddle. Your child will gain coordination and confidence in the water. This class is for children between the ages of 18 months and 4 years.

Fins 1

- Blowing Bubbles
- Submerging head in chest deep water
- Flutter kick front and back

Fins 4

- Alternate breathing
- Stride jump entry
- Standing dive from board
- Long shallow dive
- Swim under water
- Breaststroke, sidestroke, 10 yards
- Front/Back crawl, 50 yards
- Tread water, 2 minutes

Fins 2

- Submerge and retrieve objects in chest deep water
- Hold breath and fully submerge head, 3 seconds
- Supine and prone or glide, 5 seconds
- Bob 10 times
- Flutter kick front and back
- Turning over front and back
- Back and front crawl arm action
- Jump into deep water from pool side

Fins 3

- Deep water bobbing
- Stride and standing position dive from pool side
- Elementary backstroke
- Front/Back crawl
- Breaststroke
- Sidestroke

Fins 5

- Approach and hurdle on diving board
- Jump tuck from diving board
- Front/back crawl, 100 yards
- Breaststroke and sidestroke, 25 yards
- Butterfly, 10 yards
- Breaststroke and sidestroke turn
- Pike surface/tuck surface dive
- Speed turn an pull-out breaststroke

Fins 6

- Front Crawl, 100 yards, 1 turn minimum
- Back Crawl, 100 yards, 1 turn minimum
- Breaststroke, 25 yards
- Speed turn/pull-out for breaststroke
- Flip turn for front crawl
- Alternative kicks for treading water
- Throwing rescue
- Roll spinal injury
- Pike surface dive
- Tread water, 3 minutes



Gardner Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Work: _____ Emergency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ ☐ Yes, please keep me informed via email regarding upcoming programs and special events. For information regarding our privacy policy in terms of use visit www.gardnerparks.com.

Name of Participant/Team	S e x	A g e	Birthdate	Class	Session	Time	Fee

Note: Please keep a record of the dates and times of the programs you have enrolled in; confirmations are not sent.

*When Applicable

Total\$ _____

Return completed with check or money order, payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

LIABILITY RELEASE: I, as a participant or legal guardian representing a minor participant agree to release the City of Gardner, its officers, employees and volunteers, from an and all liability for accidents, injuries, loss of and/or damage to my/our person or property that may arise out of my/our participation in/and our presence at the above activity(s). I/we understand the risks and possible dangers of participating in these activity(s). Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have resulting from such photograph(s) or re-productions thereof. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.



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Gardner, KS 66030
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I have read and understand the liability release and refund policy;
Registration invalid without signature.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Summer Recreation Activities



Kids' Fishing Derby

Join the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for a fun-filled morning of fishing at Gardner Lake! Worms, fishing poles, and goody bags will be provided.

Date: May 14

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Gardner Lake

Fee: Free

Ages: 12 and Under

Registration Deadline: May 9



Total Baseball Camp

Coach Jerald VanRheen, Head Baseball Coach for GEHS, will cover hitting, pitching, catching, infield play, outfield play, and base running in this two-day camp.

Date: June 15 and 16

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Westside Sports Complex

Fee: \$50.00 (Includes T-Shirt)

Age: 6 and Older

Registration Deadline: June 6



Adult Summer Softball League

"USSSA" Rules will apply

All leagues will consist of a minimum of 5 week, 10 game, double-header leagues. Players must be 18 years and older. All games will be played at Westside Sports Complex. Top 2 teams in each league will receive awards.

League Fee: \$300

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted. Teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until leagues are full.

Program	Start	Day/Time
Co-ed Rec.	June 19	Sun. 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Co-ed Comp.	June 19	Sun. 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Men's D	June 20	Mon. 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Women's D	June 22	Wed. 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Men's D	June 24	Fri. 6:30- 9:30 p.m.
Co-ed Comp.	June 24	Fri. 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: June 10



Bike Rodeo

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Department and the Gardner Public Safety Department are combining efforts with the Kansas Wildscape Foundation to bring you our 4th Annual Bike Rodeo! We'll have volunteers on hand to check your bicycle's mechanical condition and make minor repairs. Public Safety personnel will engrave your bicycle with an owner identification number—free of charge.

Join us for games, safety tips, an obstacle course, and tons of prizes and giveaways!

Date: June 25

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: G.E.H.S. Parking Lot

Fee: Free

Age: 12 and Under

Registration Deadline: June 20



Hershey Track & Field Meet

This meet is designed to encourage athletes to participate in track and field. Participants can enter a maximum of one track and two field events, or one field and two track events. The top six qualifiers (9 to 14 years old) in each event can advance to the state meet, June 25 & 26 in Burlington, KS. There, they will compete for the regional and, ultimately, the national meeting held annually in Hershey, PA. All expenses for the national meet will be paid by the Hershey Food Corporation. Participation ribbons will be awarded to 6-8 year olds for their events. *A complete listing of events and age divisions is available at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center.*

Date: Saturday, June 4

Time: Field Events 8:00 a.m.

Track Events 9:30 a.m.

Age: 6-14

Fee: Free to all kids

\$1 admission fee for Adults 18 & older

Location: Rockhurst High School

9301 State Line

Kansas City, MO

Registration Deadline: May 31



REGISTER TODAY!!

Go to www.gardnerparks.com to see more recreation opportunities. Register online, in person at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center located in City Hall or mail registration to
120 E. Main St.
Phone: 856-0936

Public Improvements For 2005

North Center Street

Construction of the wastewater lines and storm sewer lines is substantially complete along North Center Street between 167th and Colleen. Temporary pavement has been placed along east side of North Center and will carry traffic while the west half of North Center is constructed. When the west half of North Center is complete, it will carry traffic while the east half is reconstructed. Construction is anticipated to continue through the summer.

East Lift Station

The new East Lift Station will be online the beginning of May. The contractor will remain on site to demolish the old east lift station and install a detention tank. After the east lift station goes online, the work to remediate the Cones-toga Lagoons will begin, making way for the construction of the Wal-Mart project.



Electric Substation No. 3

Work has begun on the electric substation No. 3 and transmission line project. Land for the project was acquired in April located near W. 167th Street and Waverly Road. The substation will improve electrical service to existing customers in northwest Gardner and will provide power for the new development in the area. Currently, the contractor is making modifications to Substation No. 2 at Moonlight and Main Streets to connect the transmission lines that will lead to the new Substation No. 3. Construction of the transmission lines along Moonlight Road and 167th Street to the new substation will continue through the summer and into the fall.

Downtown Sidewalk Replacement Project

The 2005 Downtown Sidewalk Project includes the replacement of sidewalk, landscaping, and water drainage improvements. This project has been divided into four phases to control disruption to downtown businesses and traffic.

The project includes south Elm Street —Main Street to alley and east side to Park Street; Main Street from Excellence Auto on the north side to City Hall; and Main Street from Stockton Law Office to Center on the south. The contractor has estimated the completion

date to be July 29th.

Water Line Replacement Project

The following areas will receive new water lines this summer:

- Washington —Maple to Cedar
- Cedar —Shawnee to Lincoln Lane
- Center —Park to Main
- Meadowbrook Cir.-South of Warren
- Oak -Main to Washington
- Shawnee -Oak to Ott Lane
- Hickory -Grand to Locust
- Jefferson -Pine to Walnut

Work will begin in late May with estimated completion by mid-September. The Water Line Replacement Project will use directional boring to reduce the impact on mature trees and driveways.

Asphalt/Concrete Rehabilitation Program for 2005

The City of Gardner is soliciting bids for its annual street resurfacing and overlay program. Check to see if your street is part of the ongoing maintenance to extend the life of the City's streets.

- Pinewood—Moonlight to Redwood
- Spruce—Colleen to Westoff
- E. Madison —White to Moonlight
- Park --Center to Mulberry, including off street parking
- McCaffree—Parma Way to Cul-de-Sac
- Mulberry—Main to Park
- Alder—Madison to Lincoln

In addition to asphalt resurfacing program, the City also will be replacing concrete curbs, handicap ramps, driveway approaches, and ditch liners at various locations.

Tree Trimming Program

2005 Electric Line Tree Trimming Program will focus primarily on the southwest section of Gardner bound by Main Street, Center Street, 183rd Street and Waverly Road. There will be secondary work done in some areas that are currently being developed. It is estimated that this program will cover approximately one-third of the City's electric service area. The work includes tree limb removal and trimming along the City's primary electric distribution system.

Community Calendar

May Day Celebration
Lanesfield School

May 1st

www.jocomuseum.org

City-Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, **May 7th**

Contact a Downtown
Merchants to Register

Late Day to Register to Vote
May 8th

City-Wide Spring Clean Up
Saturday, **May 14th**

See information on back of
this page for more details.

Kids' Fishing Derby
May 14th 9:30-11:30 a.m.

At Gardner Lake
www.gardnerparks.com

Rotary Benefit Concert
For the Gardner

Food Pantry
May 15th, 3:00 p.m.
Wheatridge Auditorium

Mail In Ballot for Park Sales
Tax Delivered
May 18th

Olathe Marathon
Saturday, **May 21st** 7 a.m.
Starts at GEHS
www.olathemarathon.com

Gardner Swimming Pool
opens on **May 28th**, 1p.m.

City Offices Closed in honor
of Memorial Day on
Monday, **May 30th**

Mail Ballots Due to Johnson
County Election Office
by Noon
June 7th

Bike Rodeo
June 25th 1:00-3:00 p.m.
At GEHS Parking Lot

Spring Clean Up Scheduled for May 14th

The City of Gardner will conduct its annual Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 14th, 2005.

How to Participate in the Clean Up

- There is no need to call in and register your pick-up.
- Pick-ups throughout town will begin at 7 a.m.
- Please stack items for pickup near the curb in front of your residence prior to 7AM on Saturday, May 14th. Items placed at the curb after 7AM will not be picked up if crews have already come through the neighborhood.
- Crews cannot go onto private property. No items will be picked up from the alleys.
- Items must be small enough to be handled by two people.

What Cannot be Placed On the Curb for the Clean Up

- Absolutely no household trash will be accepted.
- No brush or limbs; please contact your waste hauler to arrange for the pickup of any brush and limbs you might have.
- No barrels, refrigerators, freezers, batteries, air conditioners, old vehicles, radiators, tires, paint or other hazardous waste.
- To dispose of household hazardous wastes, such as auto products, paints and pesticides, participate in Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste Day —May 21st from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m..

Call 913-492-0402 to schedule your appointment.



Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month, the Wednesday following the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Wednesday of the month (All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Website Address

www.gardnerkansas.com

Visit the City's website at www.gardnerkansas.com

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